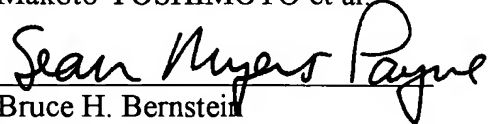


Remarks

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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